


Proceedings of 39th Meeting of the West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board held on 14.12.2022 at 1.30 p.m. in the Conference Hall, Labour Department, New Secretariat Buildings (12th Floor), 1, K. S. Roy Road, Kolkata – 700 001

Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department took the chair and welcomed all the present in the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Shri Ritabrata Banerjee, Chairperson, West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (Board). He too welcomed all and requested the Secretary, Board to initiate agenda-wise discussions. The list of the members, invitees and officials who attended the meeting is annexed herewith.

1. The proceedings of the 38th Board meeting held on 14.12.2022 was confirmed. The ATR in connection to this meeting was also placed and discussed.
2. The report regarding the implementation of the BoCW (RE&CS) Act, 1996 and the welfare schemes framed thereunder including report on collection of cess up to November, 2022 was discussed.
3. The expenditure incurred during the period from 01.09.2022 to 30.11.2022 was discussed and accorded *post facto* approval.
4. An additional budget of Rs 6.95 Cr and Rs 2.00 Cr for land development, approach road and water supply etc. for the Crèches and Health Centres as requisitioned from the end of the Additional Chief Secretary, North Bengal Development Department was placed for discussion. As directed by the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge and Chairperson, West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board, the Block / Municipality-wise data of the registered construction workers was read out to facilitate discussions. It was decided that the words ***Creche / Health Centre built by the West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board*** will be displayed at a prominent place in front of these Creches and Health Centres. The issue of additional funds as stated above was approved.
5. A Proposal for training of the dependent children above 18 years of age of the registered construction workers was placed, discussed and approved. The Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department stated that within one year Board intends to provide training to 3 lakh registered construction workers and their dependent children covering each district in West Bengal. The Secretary of the Board informed that Expression of Interest for skill development of the registered construction workers has already been floated and that for the dependent children was under way.
6. The next point to be discussed was the proposal for setting up of Hostels / Transit Accommodation-cum-Training Centers for the construction workers and their families. It was proposed that 25 Hostels /Transit Accommodation-cum-Training Centers would be set up at different locations including Kolkata. Some of the members opined that such facilities should be enjoyed by the registered construction workers only. Going a step ahead, some members even held that such type of facility one in each district may not suffice the need of the construction workers. After threadbare discussions, the proposal of 25 Hostels /Transit Accommodation-cum-Training Centers was approved and


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it was assured that depending upon the need, more than one such centre may be built in the districts concerned in future.

7. It was noted that 05 organisations, namely (a) the Executive Engineer, Howrah Irrigation Division; (b) the Executive Engineer, PHE, Bankura Division; (c) the Block Development Officer, Manbazar I Development Block, Purulia; (d) the Executive Engineer, PWD, North 24 Parganas; and, (e) the Executive Engineer, LDCD, Uluberia - had deposited amounts in the cess fund erroneously; and, as such requested for refund. The same was approved.

8. In addition to the 50 Creches and 20 Health Centres already approved in the earlier meeting of the Board, proposal for setting up of additional 20 creches and additional 23 Health Centers was placed and discussed. It was noted that all these new 20 creches and 21 out of 23 health centres were proposed to be set up in the vicinity of the tea garden areas of the Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar districts. It was resolved after discussions that funds for this purpose would be allocated to the North Bengal Development Department as has already been done. For the remaining 02 out of 23 health centres which were proposed to come up at Asansol, the Asansol Durgapur Development Authority (ADDA) would be entrusted with the task of constructing them and funds would be placed at that end accordingly.

9. The Statement of Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2021-2022 was placed in the meeting and approved. Both the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department and Chairman, Board assured that residual issues connected to the matter, if any, would be discussed in the subsequent meeting.

10. The renewal of engagement of 2 (two) contractual staff attached to the Board as stated below was approved :-

Sl. No.	Name	Nature of Appointment / Post	Appointment Order No. & Date	Date of Joining.	To be renewed up to 1 (one) year
1	Sri Trishanu Bhattacharjee	Contractual Gr. C	177/131/07/WBCWB Dated 30.06.2014	01.07.14	31.12.2023
2	Sri Abhishek Pal	Senior Software Developer on Contract	171/WBBOCW Dated 03.06.2015	05.06.15	04.12.2023

11. The non-officials members and non-official invitees present in the meeting requested the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department and the Chairman, WBB&OCWWB to provide Rs. 1,000/- only as travelling allowance. It was resolved that the same would be paid to them with effect from the 39th meeting itself. However, the Secretary, Board requested the members to submit the e-Mandate form (to be provided to them by the Board) for the purpose.

There being no other points to discuss, the meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.

(Ritabrata Banerjee)
Chairperson

West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board

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Serial No.	Present	Designation
1.	Shri Moloy Ghatak	Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Labour Department
2.	Shri Ritabrata Banerjee	Chairperson, West Bengal Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board
3.	Shri Barun Kumar Ray, I.A.S.	Principal Secretary, Labour Department & Member
4.	Shri Amarnath Mallick	Labour Commissioner, West Bengal & Member Secretary
5.	Shri Tirthankar Sengupta	Additional Labour Commissioner, West Bengal & Secretary
6.	Smt. Sumita Mukherjee	Welfare Commissioner, West Bengal Labour Welfare Board & Invitee
7.	Shri Hemanta Tirkey	Deputy Welfare Commissioner, Labour Welfare Organization, Kolkata & Member.
8.	Shri Sandip Nandi	Additional Labour Commissioner (P), West Bengal attached to Board
9.	Shri Ashis Kumar Shit	Chief Inspector of Factories & Member
10.	Shri Shakti Pada Mandal	Representative of I.N.T.T.U.C. & Member
11.	Shri Debanjan Chakraborty	Representative of C.I.T.U. & Member
12.	Shri Ganesh Sarkar	Representative of I.N.T.U.C & Member
13.	Shri Dilip Bhattacharya	Representative of A.I.U.T.U.C. & Member
14.	Shri Biplab Bhatta	Representative of A.I.T.U.C. & Member
15.	Shri Ashok Ghosh	General Secretary, UTUC. Central Committee & Invitee
16.	Shri Sudip Kumar Dutta,	Representative of B.A.I. & Member
17.	Shri Asish Paul	Representative of B.N.C.C.I. & Member
18.	Shri Manas Ghosh	Representative of B.C.C. & Member
19.	Shri Somesh Dasgupta	Representative of B.C.C. & I & Member
20.	Smt. Arunima Biswas	Joint Labour Commissioner (P), West Bengal attached to Board
21.	Shri Abhik Nandy	Deputy Labour Commissioner (P), West Bengal attached to Board
22.	Shri Sumit Ghosh	Assistant Labour Commissioner, West Bengal attached to Board